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April 26, 1985

Mr. Robert Siek
COUNCIL OF ENERGY RESOURCE TRIBES
1580 Logan Street
Suite 400
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Jackpile/Paguate DEIS - Volumetric Calculations

Dear Mr. Siek:

Ron Solimon and I have discussed the problems surrounding the volumes issue and our need for engineering field work. certainly appreciate the offer of assistance to the Pueblo in our attempt to resolve the volume calculations issue. I have discussed the need for field work with Marc Nelson of Jacobs Engineering Group and he agrees that CERT's participation would be a plus as evidenced by his hand-written memo to me dated 25 APRIL 1985 (copy enclosed). Please tell me if the tasks outlined in Marc Nelson's memo conform to your proposed scope of work. Obviously, there will be a need to coordinate the field work with Marc, but please do not feel constrained by the presence of JACOBS. If you feel that additional work is called for, please advise. Marc agrees that the Pueblo cannot rely on figures generated by BLM until they have been verified. Anaconda's challenge to the soundness of the figures cannot go unnoticed. The Pueblo must react, especially when Interior is unable to support its calculations.

While the Tribal Council is not meeting during the week of April 29th, the Staff Officers are and I have arranged to have the matter placed on the agenda for the Staff Officers meeting on Tuesday, April 30th. Ron has written a memo to the Staff Officers (copy enclosed) describing the need for technical assistance from CERT on this specific issue.

Dr. Ahmed Kooros continues to be an outstanding advocate for the Pueblo during this process. His advice and



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counsel have been invaluable and I look forward to his continued leadership and involvement as we proceed.

Thank you for your responsiveness to the need of the Pueblo.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Chester T. Fernando

Governor